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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1883? My dear Alec:

Just written invit. Mrs. Carpenter. Received your father's and Mr. Johnson's telegrams, and Maurice is now in the struggles of sending off my answer. I am indeed ever so glad and think you deserve the good sleep Mr. Johnson says you are getting. It sounds like old times and is very nice, I half wish I were there to witness your triumph, but I know I should have been worried there and so spoiled your good time. Now you have done your work, enjoy yourself and make all the friends you can. As I told you I have written to Mrs. Carpenter, I shall certainly be very glad to see them if they come prepared for a very quiet time and to see no one at all. For we really do know no one here. We ought to have done our calling before, now it is too late, we can hardly invite people to receptions etc., whom we have not called on. Do they live in great style? We do not here at all and they must understand that for we cannot manage anything else in a hurry now. I do want to receive all your friends most awfully only if they come I want them to have a good time and not be disappointed, and I am afraid they will be unless you explain that we have been here a very short time and you have not been out at all so that we know no one. Newport you know is such a gay place they would naturally expect a?ay time, and there is no use in taking them to the Casino etc., if there is not a soul to speak to them. "Comprehendis vous?" (comprenez — vous) I want to be hospitable it is not being so to invite people and then have nothing to offer them. I only told Mrs. Carpenter that I should like nothing better than to see her and Dr. Carpenter here and hoped she would come and also Mr. C. who had half promised to come in London, and 2 to whose arrival I had been looking forwards. Is that OK. My love to your father, I hope his paper will be as successful as yours.

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Lovingly, Mabel.	